



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Initial Application of)

Masaru WATANABE et al.)

Serial No. 09/868,766)

Filed: June 21, 2001)

For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR)
WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT)
LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR)
PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE)
FIBER CORE)

Examiner: D. Valencia

Group Art Unit: 2874

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 14501
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time period for filing a response to the final action of July 25, 2003, initially set to expire October 25, 2003, be extended an additional month up to and including December 25, 2003. The requisite \$310.00 fee (\$420.00 less \$110.00 paid November 20, 2003) for the requested extension is herewith attached.

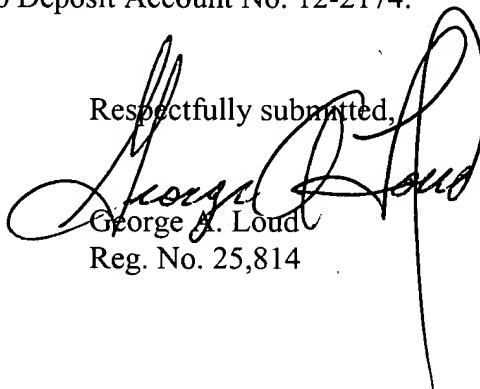
Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-2174.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: December 23, 2003
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